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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Fatal Deer Park Traffic Crash**

On April 8, 2021, at approximately 9:35 a.m., Lake County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to Route 12 and Deer Park Boulevard, Deer Park, for a traffic crash with injuries. Sheriff's deputies arrived and located three vehicles with extensive damage.

Preliminary investigation shows a 2000 Peterbilt Truck, hauling a partial load of gravel, was traveling southbound on Route 12. The Peterbilt was driven by a 65-year-old man of Melrose Park. The Peterbilt was in the outside lane of traffic approaching Deer Park Boulevard.

A 2002 Chevrolet Venture Minivan was traveling southbound next to the Peterbilt in the inside lane of traffic. The Chevrolet was being driven by a 36-year-old man of Harvey. For an unknown reason, the driver of the Chevrolet attempted to make a right turn onto westbound Deer Park Boulevard, from the inside lane of traffic. He made a wide right turn directly in front of the Peterbilt. This caused the Peterbilt to strike the Chevrolet as the Chevrolet turned. The Chevrolet then struck a utility pole, before coming to a rest.

In an effort to avoid striking the Chevrolet again, the driver of the Peterbilt swerved and sideswiped a southbound 2018 Infiniti SUV, which was in the inside lane. The Infiniti was driven by a 64-year-old man of McHenry.

The driver of the Chevrolet and a front-seat passenger in the Chevrolet, a 35-year-old woman of Champaign, were transported to Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in unincorporated Barrington, with major injuries. The 35-year-old woman succumbed to her injuries at the hospital and was pronounced deceased. The driver remains at the hospital in critical condition.

The driver of the Peterbilt was transported to Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital with minor injuries. The driver of the Infiniti was not injured.

The Lake County Coroner's Office responded, and an autopsy is being scheduled on the 35-year-old woman.

The crash remains under investigation by the Lake County Sheriff's Office Technical Crash Investigations Unit and Lake County Coroner's Office.

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